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In response to the Office Action mailed April 19, 2004, applicant hereby elects what the Examiner identified as Group I, claims 1-8.

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Please amend the specification and claims 1-8 as set forth below, please cancel claims 9-20 without prejudice, and please add new claim 21-29. Applicant's remarks begin on page 8.